

• *U.S. mail*: Public Comments Processing; Attn: Docket No. FWS–R8–ES–2023–0076; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; MS; PRB/3W; 5275 Leesburg Pike; Falls Church, VA 22041–3803.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kirby Bartlett, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, [kirby\\_bartlett@fws.gov](mailto:kirby_bartlett@fws.gov) (by electronic mail), or at the Ventura Fish and Wildlife office (by telephone) at 805–644–1766. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** We, the Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), announce receipt of an application from Nipomo Community Service District (Applicant) for an incidental take permit (ITP) under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The Applicant requests the ITP to take the California red-legged frog (*Rana draytonii*) incidental to activities associated with the decommissioning of the Blacklake Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) and the construction of a lift station to divert wastewater in San Luis Obispo County, California. We request public comment on the application, which includes the Applicant's proposed habitat conservation plan (HCP), and on the Service's preliminary determination that this proposed ITP qualifies as "low effect," and may qualify for a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) regulations (40 CFR 1501.4), the Department of the Interior's (DOI) NEPA regulations (43 CFR part 46), and the DOI's Departmental Manual (516 DM 8.5(C)(2)). To make this preliminary determination, we prepared a draft environmental action statement and low-effect screening form, both of which are also available for public review.

**Background**

The Service listed the California red-legged frog as threatened on May 23, 1996 (61 FR 25813). Section 9 of the ESA prohibits "take" of fish and wildlife species listed as endangered (16 U.S.C. 1538), where take is defined to include the following activities: "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct" (16 U.S.C. 1532). Under

section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1539(a)(1)(B)), we may issue permits to authorize take of listed fish and wildlife species that is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity. Regulations governing incidental take permits for endangered and threatened species are in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32, respectively. Issuance of an ITP also must not jeopardize the existence of federally listed fish, wildlife, or plant species. The permittee would receive assurances under our "No Surprises" regulations (50 CFR 17.22(b)(5) and 17.32(b)(5)).

**Applicant's Proposed Activities**

The Applicant has applied for a permit for incidental take of California red-legged frog. The take would occur in association with activities necessary for the decommissioning of the Blacklake WRF and the construction of a lift station to divert wastewater. The California red-legged frog has a known breeding population adjacent to the Blacklake WRF, in a wastewater effluent pond on a private golf course. The proposed decommissioning of the Blacklake WRF will result in the elimination of the primary water source maintaining the adjacent effluent storage pond. Therefore, it is assumed that it will no longer provide suitable aquatic breeding habitat for the species.

The HCP includes avoidance and minimization measures for the California red-legged frog and mitigation for unavoidable loss of occupied habitat. The Applicant has proposed a one-time fixed payment to fund conservation activities for the California red-legged frog to compensate for unavoidable impacts.

**Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

**Our Preliminary Determination**

The Service has made a preliminary determination that the Applicant's proposed project would individually and cumulatively have a minor effect on the California red-legged frog and the human environment. Therefore, we have preliminarily determined that the proposed ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit

would be a "low-effect" ITP that individually or cumulatively would have a minor effect on the species and may qualify for application of a categorical exclusion pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations, DOI's NEPA regulations, and the DOI Departmental Manual. A "low-effect" ITP is one that would result in (1) minor or nonsignificant effects on species covered in the HCP; (2) nonsignificant effects on the human environment; and (3) impacts that, when added together with the impacts of other past, present, and reasonable foreseeable actions, would not result in significant cumulative effects to the human environment.

**Next Steps**

The Service will evaluate the application and the comments received to determine whether to issue the requested ITP. We will also conduct an intra-Service consultation pursuant to section 7 of the ESA to evaluate the effects of the proposed take. After considering the preceding and other matters, we will determine whether the permit issuance criteria of section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA have been met. If met, the Service will issue the ITP.

**Authority**

The Service provides this notice under section 10(c) of the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 17.32) and the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500–1508 and 43 CFR part 46).

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Office of the Secretary**

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**Notice of Public Meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** National Invasive Species Council, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that a public meeting of the Invasive Species Advisory Committee (ISAC) will meet as indicated below.

**DATES:** The Invasive Species Advisory Committee will convene by Zoom virtual platform on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. ET.

**ADDRESSES:** Zoom URL and dial in information will be provided via email to registered participants at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning attending the ISAC meeting, submitting written comments to the ISAC, or requesting to address the ISAC, contact Kelsey Brantley, NISC Operations Director and ISAC Coordinator, National Invasive Species Council Staff, telephone (202) 577-7012; fax: (202) 208-4118, or email [kelsey\\_brantley@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kelsey_brantley@ios.doi.gov).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the ISAC is to provide advice to the National Invasive Species Council (NISC), as authorized by Executive Orders 13112 and 13751, on a broad array of issues related to preventing the introduction of invasive species and providing for their control and minimizing the economic, ecological, and human health impacts that invasive species cause. NISC is co-chaired by the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, and the Secretary of Commerce. The duty of NISC is to provide national leadership regarding invasive species issues. The purpose of the virtual meeting on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, is to convene the full ISAC to review the status of ongoing ISAC subcommittee work.

**Meeting Agenda:** The meeting agenda will consist of updates and discussion on subcommittee deliberations related to climate change, underserved communities, and national priorities. A public comment period will also be included.

The final agenda, records, and other reference documents for discussion during the meeting will be available for public viewing as they become available, but no later than 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting at <https://www.invasivespecies.gov>.

**Meeting Registration:** Due to the limited number of connections available, individuals must register no later than Monday, August 14, 2023; 3 p.m. ET at: <https://forms.office.com/g/f7NTTVjBUE>.

Interested members of the public may provide either oral or written comments to ISAC for consideration. Oral comments may be given during designated times as specified in the meeting agenda. Written comments must be submitted by email to Kelsey Brantley at [kelsey\\_brantley@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kelsey_brantley@ios.doi.gov), no later than Monday, August 14, 2023, 3 p.m. (ET). All written comments will be provided to members of the ISAC. Due to time constraints during the virtual meeting, written public statements will be submitted directly into the record.

Depending on the number of people who want to comment during the time available, the length of individual oral comments may be limited. Requests to address the ISAC during the meeting will be accommodated in the order the requests are received. Individuals who wish to expand upon their oral statements, or those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, may submit written comments to Kelsey Brantley at [kelsey\\_brantley@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kelsey_brantley@ios.doi.gov), up to 30 days following the meeting. All comments will be made part of the public record and will be electronically distributed to all ISAC members. Detailed minutes of the meeting will be available for public inspection within 90 days of the meeting.

**Meeting Accessibility/Special Accommodations:** The meeting is open to the public. Registration is required (see *Meeting Registration* above). Please make requests in advance for sign language interpreter services, assistive listening devices, or other reasonable accommodations. We ask that you contact Kelsey Brantley at [kelsey\\_brantley@ios.doi.gov](mailto:kelsey_brantley@ios.doi.gov), at least seven (7) business days prior to the meeting to give the Department of the Interior sufficient time to process your request. All reasonable accommodation requests are managed on a case-by-case basis.

**Public Disclosure of Comments:** Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your written comments, you should be aware that your entire comment including your personal identifying information will be made publicly available. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. Ch. 10)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Bureau of Land Management

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#### Agency Information Collection Activities; Protection, Management, and Control of Wild Horses and Burros

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of information collection; request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposes to renew an information collection.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 18, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your written comments on this information collection request (ICR) by mail to Darrin King, Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Attention PRA Office, 440 W 200 S #500, Salt Lake City, UT 84101; or by email to [BLM\\_HQ\\_PRA\\_Comments@blm.gov](mailto:BLM_HQ_PRA_Comments@blm.gov). Please reference Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number 1004-0042 in the subject line of your comments. Please note that the electronic submission of comments is recommended.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request additional information about this ICR, contact Amy G. Ruhs by email at [aruhs@blm.gov](mailto:aruhs@blm.gov), or by telephone at (775) 525-4164. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunications relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point-of-contact in the United States. You may also view the ICR at <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA, 44 U.S.C.